

MAY RIVAL LEXOW.

Bribery Investigators Expected to Probe Other Matters.

Fire Commissioners Subpoenaed for To-morrow's Hearing.

Raines, Robertson and Coggeshall Implicated in a \$45,000 Scandal.

The Special Senate Bribery Investigating Committee, which was appointed by Lieut.-Gov. Saxton yesterday, and is charged with the important duty of investigating the charges that a corruption fund was raised to pass the bill which recently became a law to increase the pay of the New York firemen, will be in town to-morrow to begin its work.

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"I shall go, of course, and will give the Committee whatever information and assistance I can. So far as the truth of the charges that money was paid to members of the Legislature to secure the passage of the Firemen's bill is concerned, I know nothing. I hope, however, that I do not see how any one would be able to make such charges if there was not some foundation for the story."

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FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

(These are four of the Senators who will begin searching the Fire Department to-morrow for evidence of a bribery fund.)

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DIDN'T MENTION ROBERTSON.

Senator's Westchester Friends Saved Him from a Round-Up.

WHITE PLAINS, April 19.—The Westchester Republican County Committee at its meeting at this place to-day is considering the action of Senator George W. Robertson relative to bills affecting New York City.

The Republican of Westchester County is opposed to Robertson's methods, and are very indignant at Senator Robertson having voted with the boss on the bill.

The meeting was called to order to-day at 11 o'clock, at the Oranwin Hotel. The Chairman called the meeting to order by telegraph, in accordance with the wishes of the members of the Committee.

Every possible effort was made by friends of Senator Robertson to keep the Committee from keeping the proceedings of the Committee from the press, and every one except members of the Committee was asked to withdraw, and the Committee went into executive session.

It is said here that the Committee will also have some action taken regarding Assemblyman J. Irving Burns, who, it is said, is responsible for the methods of Boss Platt's friends having positions on the Croton water-shed.

The meeting was a stormy one. Through the doors of the Committee room could be heard the shouts of the members, and such expressions as "Traitor," "Bad faith," "He deserves to be hanged," and "He is a rascal" and calls of the Chairman for order.

At the conclusion of the meeting the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the members of the Committee, as being the whole business that had been transacted."

That the Republican County Committee, voting the Republican sentiment of the Republicans of the county, hereby express its disapproval of the action of the Westchester representatives on the Palisades and Magistrate bills now pending.

Several of the members told an "Evening World" reporter that the friends of Senator Robertson had prevented a resolution from being passed that would reflect on him.

VICTORIA HOTEL SALE.

Auctioning of Its Furnishings Begun This Morning.

The assignee's sale of the furnishings of the Victoria Hotel was begun this morning by Philip A. Smyth, auctioneer, by order of James C. Younes, assignee.

The sale began on the seventh floor, which was occupied mainly by the servants of the hotel, and continued only the usual crowd of bargain seekers and boarding-house keepers.

To-morrow the better class of furnishings will be offered and it is expected that a higher class of purchasers will attend the sale.

Battle of Lexington Celebrated.

The General Society of the Daughters of the Revolution celebrated the 125th anniversary of the battle of Lexington by a luncheon at the Hotel Waldorf Astor.

Mr. Edward Paul, president of the society, presided at the luncheon, and Miss Abigail W. Seeling, State Historian of New Jersey, presided at the luncheon.

Delegates were present from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland and New Jersey.

Helped Sell the "White Elephant." Mayor Foster has a suit on trial before Judge Prior, in the Court of Common Pleas, against Leon Tannenbaum to recover \$2,500 in commissions on the sale of the "White Elephant."

Leon Tannenbaum, who is now in jail, was arrested on the charge of having sold the "White Elephant" for \$2,500, and in the subsequent hearing of it for \$2,500 a year.

Tannenbaum, Foster claims, received \$2,500 in commissions, but has refused to give him his share.

Beecham's pills for constipation 10c and 25c. Get the book at your druggist's and go by it.

Annual sales more than 8,000,000 boxes.

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NEW TAMMANY BLOOD.

E. Ellery Anderson Will Not Help Reorganize the Hall.

Believes William C. Whitney and Others Are of Similar Mind.

E. Ellery Anderson, who, with William C. Whitney, the Belmonts, John D. Crimmins and other prominent Democrats, was named by ex-Mayor Grant as being among the men wanted to reorganize Tammany Hall, said to-day that he would not undertake the work.

He has hitherto been thought that Mr. Anderson would be the most likely to accept.

"If I were twenty years younger," he said to an "Evening World" reporter, "it is all right to talk about being to-day. I would be glad of the opportunity to do this work, but I have devoted a great deal of time in twenty-five years to public business and I think it is time I should rest a rest."

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"I am sure Tammany because it has reached every class of citizens in New York, and I think its principles are all right if there was more confidence in the organization."

"The plan suggested by ex-Mayor Grant to inspire that confidence is probably a good one, but I do not believe any of the men he names will undertake the work suggested."

"Do you know that they will decline?" he was asked.

"Oh, no; but I think they all feel as I do."

To Stop Pawnbrokers' Usury. As a result of the recent exposure of the illegal interest and exorbitant charges demanded by pawnbrokers, Marshal Italy has served notice on all the pawnbrokers in New York that such usury must be stopped.

The Marshal says he has received many complaints.

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Col. Waring Explains a Cab Bill.

Comptroller Fitch asked Col. Waring to explain a bill for \$23.37, cab-hire, contracted before Col. Waring's term of office began.

Col. Waring's term of office began. Col. Waring replied that while his appointment did not formally begin until April 15, his work as Commissioner really began on the first of the year, and that Commissioner Andrews said the bill was right.

HOUSE-CLEANING.

TIME HAS COME. REPLACE THE OLD SQUARE PIANO OR ORGAN AND REPAIR THE NEW OR OLD WITH THE EVER POPULAR AND BEAUTIFUL UP-TO-DATE

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OUR UP-TO-DATE \$10.00 SERGE SUIT, To Fit Any Man, Stout or Slim HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

J. GUMPEL & SON.

NOTE.—For the benefit of those who were not able to call last Saturday, we have secured several hundred more of these beautiful potted palms, one of which we will give to every purchaser of \$16 or over To-morrow, Saturday, April 20.

NOW TO BUSINESS. SPRING IS HERE IN EARNEST—AN ERA OF GOOD FEELING PREVAILS—WISDOM ARE THINKING OF INVESTMENTS. THEY HAVE ALL HEARD OF

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